IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.8.2007

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.JAICHANDREN

Writ Petition No.28012 of 2007 &
M.P.No.1 of 2007

M/s. Wolkem Industries Limited,
rep. by its Chief General Manager,
Mr.G.S.Srinivasan. .. Petitioner

vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by the Secretary to Government,
Industries Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

2. The Commissioner and Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Guindy,
Chennai- 600 032.

.. Respondents

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent to consider and pass orders on the mining lease application of the petitioner, dated 27.1.2004, for grant of mining lease for lime stone in respect of the patta lands of the petitioner bearing S.F.No.27/1, 27/2 etc. admeasuring 11.91.5 Hectares in Gopalapuram Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District and grant mining lease to the petitioner for mining lime stone from the above said patta lands for a period of 20 years within the time frame fixed by this Court.

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For petitioner :Mr.V.Sanjeevi
For respondent : Mr.A.Arumugam
Additional Government Pleader

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Mr.A.Arumugam, the learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents.

2. With the consent of the learned counsels appearing on either side, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner company had submitted an application, dated 27.1.2004, to the Government of Tamil Nadu, through the District Collector of Virudhunagar District, for the grant of mining lease for mining lime stone from the patta lands of the petitioner, bearing S.F.No.27/1, 27/2, etc. in Gopalapuram Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District, for a period of 20 years in Form-1, under Rule 22(1) of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960. It is further submitted that the respondents have not passed any orders thereon, till date. In such circumstances, the petitioner has prayed for a direction to the second respondent to dispose of the application on merits, within a specified period.

4. On such submission being made, the second respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the petitioner's application, dated 27.1.2004, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected M.P. is closed.

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Asst.Registrar

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Sub Asst.Registrar

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To

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+ 1 cc to Mr.V.Sanjeevi Advocate SR.NO.52766
+ 1 cc to Govt.pleader SR.NO.53048

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